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**TO:** Honorable Stephanie Klick, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2348** by Klick (Relating to the regulation of the practice of dental hygiene.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2348, As Introduced : an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2022	\$0
2023	\$0
2024	\$0
2025	\$0
2026	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from General Revenue Fund 1</b>	<b>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2021</b>
2022	(\$65,289)	\$65,289	1.0
2023	(\$62,989)	\$62,989	1.0
2024	(\$62,989)	\$62,989	1.0
2025	(\$62,989)	\$62,989	1.0
2026	(\$62,989)	\$62,989	1.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Occupations Code as it relates to the regulation of the practice of dental hygiene.

The bill would allow a dentist to delegate the authority to administer certain anesthetic agents to dental hygienists who meet certain criteria. The bill would require the Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) to establish education and certification examination requirements for dental hygienists to administer these anesthetic agents.

The bill amends the description of the practice of dental hygiene to include administering certain types of anesthesia under the authorization and direct supervision of a dentist.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.

### **Methodology**

Under the provisions of the bill, a dentist may delegate a dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia provided the dental hygienist has completed a certification examination and related educational course. In fiscal year 2021, the agency has 14,531 active dental hygienist licensees and estimates 740 new applicants each year.

It is assumed that the provisions of the bill would establish an additional certification. TSBDE estimates that to achieve the intent of the bill, the agency would require an additional FTE for a License and Permit Specialist III which would amount to \$62,289 in additional salary and benefit costs in each fiscal year.

This analysis assumes that any increased cost to TSBDE, an agency which is statutorily required to generate sufficient revenue to cover its costs of operation, would be offset by an increase in fee generated revenue.

### **Technology**

TSBDE estimates \$2,300 in new employee technology set up expenses which include the costs for a computer, associated software, and a scanner.

### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 504 Board of Dental Examiners

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